

## Curriculum Vitae - Nerine Chalmers

### Professional Practice

I have a sound understanding of information literacy and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning principles, and am able to support faculty and students in mastering information and digital literacy skills, and in becoming ethical digital citizens.

In my professional practice, I have the skills to successfully manage a library and its associated programs, including operating the Library Management System for circulation, patron registration, overdue materials, acquisitions and cataloguing. I am accustomed to managing the budget for the library, and I devote considerable time and energy to collection development to ensure that the library is well resourced for student and faculty needs and inquiries. This includes print and electronic resources, and the management of library computers. I enjoy working as a leader, coaching and supervising team members, and have good interpersonal and communication skills. I am flexible in my approach and am highly motivated. My philosophy has always focused on continuous learning.

### Qualifications

- 2011 Master of Science (Multidisciplinary Studies), State University of New York, College at Buffalo, USA  
(Emphasis on instructional technologies and emerging technologies to support teaching and learning)
- 2007 Master of Education (Teacher Librarianship), Charles Sturt University, Australia
- 1972 Graduate Certificate of Education, University of Zimbabwe
- 1971 B.A. English and French, University of Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa

### Employment history

- 2013 to present Secondary School Teacher Librarian, International School of London, Qatar - International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, Middle Years Programme, (MYP), Diploma Programme (DP)
- 2011 to 2012 Library Director, Chadwick International School, Songdo, South Korea
- 2007 to 2011 Teacher Librarian, Qatar Academy Primary School, Qatar - IB World School, Primary Years Programme (PYP)
- 1987 to 2007 Deputy Principal/Specialist Media Studies Teacher, Clifton School, Botswana
- 1980 to 1986 No permanent employment – raising a family
- 1974 to 1979 Head of English Department and teacher (GCE 'O' and 'A' Level English) Eveline High School, Zimbabwe

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## **Work experience**

### **International School of London, Qatar - Secondary School Teacher Librarian**

(IB World School, MYP, DP)

#### **Achievements:**

- Currently working with the coordinators and faculty to create a scope and sequence to ensure that information fluency, and other vital 21<sup>st</sup> century skills are embedded in the curriculum
- Supervised students writing extensive research projects
- Worked with two colleagues to introduce the World Scholar's Cup initiative to our school
- Worked with students in service activities
- Whole-school reading initiatives
- Chair of a School Improvement Team working towards Council of International Schools and New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation
- Member of the Staff Advisory Group

### **Chadwick International School, Songdo, South Korea - Library Director**

#### **Achievements:**

- Oversaw the Primary Library, and set up the Middle/High School Library
- Integrated the library's online resources through the school's 1-1 laptop program
- Member of the Pedagogical Leadership Team
- Chair of the programme committee for KORCOS (Korean Council of Overseas Schools) 2012

### **Qatar Academy Primary School, Doha, Qatar (IB World School, PYP) - Teacher Librarian**

#### **Achievements:**

- Academic coordinator of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Team
- Introduced a flexible schedule for the library in order to work with faculty to integrate research and information literacy skills into the units of inquiry
- Vice-president of Qatar Reads, a group committed to arranging professional development in the field of literacy to teachers in Qatar, and to bringing visiting authors to Qatar
- Co-chair of the program committee for the International Association of School Librarianship Conference hosted in Doha in 2011

### **Clifton School, Botswana - Deputy Principal/Specialist Media Studies Teacher**

#### **Achievements:**

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- Specialist Media Studies teacher, working collaboratively with home room teachers,
- Deputy Principal with responsibility for academic studies and curriculum development, community outreach programme, school-wide life-skills program
- Responsibility for developing the library and library programme

### **Continuous Learning:**

I have always vigorously pursued opportunities for professional learning, and have attended many workshops and conferences, and participated in online learning opportunities. The three most recent are:

International Baccalaureate Continuum Category 3 Workshop: Inquiry and the Librarian across the three programmes

Digital Citizenship – an online Extension Course (Lyn Hay) (Syba Academy Australia)

Honesty honestly – a Workshop on Academic Honesty and Academic Integrity (John Royce) at University College London, Qatar

**Referees:** Provided on request